



ALBERTA AMATEUR WRESTLING

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Alberta Amateur Wrestling Association (AAWA) Guidelines for Stage 2 Reopening (June 12, 2020)

DISCLAIMER: There is still a risk of COVID-19 transmission. Participation in any wrestling-related activities is completely optional. AAWA insurance has excluded COVID-19 from our coverage so all training is at the risk of the individual participant and/or their parents or legal guardians. Any participant that has close contact with individuals at a high risk of infection must know the risks involved and may choose to not participate at this current time.

Testing in Alberta is free and available for all who wish to be tested. Testing Information can be found at the following link: <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-testing-in-alberta.aspx>

[Stage 2 Guidelines for Indoor Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation \(click here\)](#)

Note: The Alberta Wrestling guidelines below may differ in some regards

While most indoor recreation requires participants to maintain physical distancing, the Government of Alberta has set forth guidelines for indoor sport that cannot adhere to physical distancing standards.

If programs are to restart during stage 2, AAWA requires **ALL** guidelines be strictly followed. Any deviation from the guidelines may result in suspension of the program or any individuals deemed to be ignoring said guidelines.

Once your cohort lists have been received and approved, along with your cleaning plan/schedule, clubs are free to begin contact training.

These guidelines may change at any time for any reason including, but not limited to, the recommendations and/or mandates of the Alberta Amateur Wrestling Association, Government of Alberta and Alberta Health Services. Any changes will be communicated as soon as possible to all members. There remains the possibility that an increase in COVID-19 cases may result in the immediate suspension of all training activities at any time.

Stage 1 (Recommended Preparation for Stage 2)

[Guide to Outdoor Activities \(click here\)](#)

- If your athletes have not been training regularly, it is recommended that you do not proceed directly to Stage 2
- This will assist in injury prevention and identifying any participants that may have symptoms before contact is made
- Initial outdoor activities should adhere to physical distancing standards of two metres
- Any equipment used should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected regularly
- Hand sanitizer should be made available and regular hand-washing should be encouraged

- Before partaking in any training, all athletes and coaches must complete the screening checklist ([Appendix A](#)). For participants under the age of 18, a parent must help them complete the checklist. If any answer of “yes” appears on the checklist, that participant is to return home immediately and not participate. This checklist must be completed before every training session

Stage 2 Guidelines

Training Cohorts

- All sports, both indoor and outdoor, that cannot maintain physical distancing measures are approved to begin cohort training
- All cohorts must be created and recorded in advance of training
- Participants in that cohort are approved for contact training
- Maximum cohort size approved by Alberta Wrestling is **25**
- Participants should be cohorted to the greatest extent possible (weight class, skill level, etc.)
- Cohort size includes all athletes, coaches, officials, etc. present at a practice
- Members of a cohort may **ONLY** train with their identified cohort, which will remain the same for **EVERY** training session
- At this current time, participants may **NOT** switch cohorts.
- If running back-to-back practices with different cohorts, cohorts **MUST** respect all physical distancing protocols (a scheduling break can best ensure this takes place)
- Athletes who regularly participate in multiple sports utilizing the cohort system **MUST** choose a single sport in which to participate. Athletes **CANNOT** participate in multiple cohort sports
- Coaches who maintain physical distancing of **THREE** meters at all times may participate in multiple cohorts. If coaches are unable to maintain physical distancing, they can only participate in a single cohort
- The Government of Alberta mandates that a training cohort only include participants residing within a single Alberta zone (ex. An Edmonton-based club may have cohort members residing in Spruce Grove and Sherwood Park, but not visiting participants from Calgary)

Tracking Cohort Participation

- When clubs have created their training cohort(s), it is required that these lists ([available here](#)) be sent to the AAWA office (aawaprogramdirector@gmail.com)
- In addition, please include your plan to ensure your training venue is cleaned and disinfected before, in-between and after all training sessions, including a timeline/schedule if practices take place back to back
- All participants must be AAWA members for the 2020 calendar year with up to date contact information in the AAWA membership database and on hand with the member club
- Attendance must be taken and kept for every training session by the overseeing coach ([available here](#))
- This information must be readily available for the purpose of contact tracing if an infection is detected
- Before each practice, participants, or their parents if under 18, must sign off that they have reviewed the [Stage 2 Screening Checklist](#) and have not answered “yes” to any of the questions.
- Upon completion of the screening checklist review, participants must submit a completed and signed [AAWA COVID19 Daily Attestation Form](#). These documents must be used and available in tandem.
- All documents must be kept and filed until further notice

Hygiene & Cleaning

- All training venues, mats and equipment must be initially cleaned and disinfected prior to practices being resumed
- All surfaces and equipment must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before and after practice and between cohort training sessions (allow time for cleaning between sessions)
- Any surface that participants may come in contact with must be cleaned and disinfected (ex. wall mats)
- Remove any mats or equipment that is torn or in disrepair, as these items cannot be properly cleaned and disinfected
- If using a spray-based disinfectant, please ensure adequate time is given for any air-borne spray to settle before training
- Similarly, please give adequate time for any liquid disinfectant to dry before training begins
- All participants are encouraged to exhibit good respiratory etiquette (no spitting, clearing of nasal passages, coughing or sneezing away from others into a tissue)
- Participants should not share water bottles, towels, etc.
- Hand sanitizer must be made available at every training session
- If training in a shared venue or multiple cohorts are using the same training venue, use of changing rooms or locker rooms is **PROHIBITED**

Athletes

- Before entering the training space and partaking in any training, all athletes must complete the screening checklist ([Appendix A](#)) and submit a completed and signed [AAWA COVID19 Daily Attestation Form](#). For participants under the age of 18, a parent must help them complete the checklist. If they answer “yes” on the checklist item, that athlete is to return home immediately and not participate. This checklist must be completed before every training session
- It is not recommended that athletes wear protective masks during intense physical training

Coaches

- Before entering the training space and partaking in any training, all coaches must complete the screening checklist ([Appendix A](#)) and submit a completed and signed [AAWA COVID19 Daily Attestation Form](#). If the answer “yes” appears on any checklist item, that coach is to return home immediately and not participate. If no other coach is present, that practice will not take place. This checklist must be completed before every training session
- If coaches are able to maintain physical distancing measures of at least **THREE** meters at all times, they may participate in multiple cohorts. If coaches are unable to maintain physical distancing measures of at least **THREE** meters, they may only participate in one cohort. The increased distance is in response to the realities of intense physical training
- Any athlete participating as a member of a cohort partaking in contact training **CANNOT** act as a coach for another cohort
- Coaches may choose to wear a protective mask

Parents/Spectators

- At this current time, it is recommended that no parents/spectators be present in the training space
- Any individual present in the training space, for any amount of time, must be a recorded cohort member

- Please ensure all individuals dropping participants off or picking participants up are adhering to all physical distancing protocols

Competition/Training Camps

- At this current time, any form of competition or camp outside an individual cohort is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**

Stage 2 Checklist

- 1) Create and record training cohorts on the [Stage 2 Attendance Form\(s\)](#)
- 2) Send [Stage 2 Attendance Form\(s\)](#) to aawaprogramdirector@gmail.com along with your plan to ensure all training spaces are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before, in-between and after your training sessions, including a timeline if practices take place back to back
- 3) Before your first practice, an initial cleaning and disinfecting of your training space is required
- 4) Before entering the training space and partaking in any training, all participants must complete the [Screening Checklist](#) and submit the completed and signed [AAWA COVID19 Daily Attestation Form](#). If under 18, they must complete this checklist with a parent/guardian. If any symptoms are present, that individual must leave immediately. These documents must be used and available in tandem.
- 5) Attendance must be kept for every training session. An [attendance form](#) has been provided.
- 6) After practice has finished a thorough cleaning and disinfecting of the training space is required. If another cohort or group is using the space, please ensure there is enough time to clean the entire space and all surfaces are dry before they arrive
- 7) Keep and file all signed documents until further notice